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Subject: 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion Project.

Regarding the upcoming environmental assessment hearings for the proposed Enbridge gas pipeline across Hamilton's Green Belt. I wish to express my concerns relating to this project and to ask the Board to fully consider all of the environmental and ecological implications it will present.

Consideration of the environmental effects of this pipeline can not be limited only to the immediate area affected by the pipeline construction, even though they would be great. Full consideration must also be given to the implications of both the upstream emissions of Methane from fracking, as well as the downstream Carbon Dioxide emissions resulting from the burning of the fuel. To ignore these or to rule them inadmissible would be highly irresponsible and retrograde in this era of climate emergency.

The ecological impacts and implications of the pipeline construction through this environmentally sensitive and protected area are also of great concern and deserve full appreciation. The proposed route of this pipeline across wetlands vital to the filtering of Hamilton's water table and water sources puts them at risk. The route would cross three streams which feed into the local water source, as well as vital wetland. Also construction would involve clearing and disruption to a large area of protected wetland and green belt, equivalent to a 6-8 lane highway, including blasting of bedrock. These could all have unforeseeable consequences to the system.

I believe that this project represents too high a risk of added calamity to both our local and our global environment and therefore our public health and well-being. I ask that you weigh these concerns very judiciously and with consideration of all the best available information.

Considering the high cost of construction to be passed on to consumers also, this project and its risks are hard to justify.

Thank you.

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